

FEBRUARY 14, 1843.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. J. THOMPSON, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To confirm the sale of public lands in certain cases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 in all cases where an entry has been made under the act to
4 grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands, ap-
5 proved June the nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and
6 thirty-four, of public lands, by virtue of a floating right, and
7 where a patent for the same has not been issued, because the
8 original tract from whence such floating right arose was
9 covered by a private claim or claims not confirmed, or had
10 been reserved from sale as live-oak timber land, or for any other
11 cause, such entry or entries, and sale or sales, under such float-
12 ing right or rights, are hereby confirmed, and patents shall
13 issue thereon as in other cases : *Provided, That the Secre-*
14 *tary of the Treasury shall be fully satisfied that such entry*
15 *or entries have been, in other respects, fair and regular, and*
16 *that the evidence would have sustained the claims, but for*
17 *the causes above mentioned ; that they are not contested by*
18 *other persons claiming the same, and that no fraud appears*
19 *therein.*